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## Portion of Fox River Trail to be closed in Brown County

Weekday closures due to Claude Allouez Bridge construction

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) NE Regional Office in Green Bay is announcing that a portion of the Fox River Trail in Brown County will be closed during weekdays starting Monday, July 24. The trail will be closed to all users from Monday through Friday between Merrill and George streets (Claude Allouez Bridge area) in De Pere. The weekday closure will remain in effect throughout the reconstruction phase of the Claude Allouez Bridge project. Due to the popularity of the trail, this segment will be open to users on weekends from Friday evening through Sunday.

The weekday trail closure is necessary due to construction of the new bridge. The trail will not be safely passable in this area because of continuous movement of heavy equipment and construction materials across the trail. When the trail is open during the weekends, users are advised to use caution while traveling through the construction area. A permanent trail reopening date will be announced when this phase of construction is complete.

Construction on the new Claude Allouez Bridge began July 17, 2006. The \$22 million project includes replacement of the existing two-lane bridge with a four-lane structure with bike lanes, roadway reconstruction, and the construction of a multi-lane roundabout at the east end of the new bridge. The new bridge will be open to traffic in October 2007.

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